

Carlisle Housing Authority

December 8, 2011

Submitted by Carolyn Ing

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

Present: Alan Lehotsky (Chair), James Bohn, W. Randall Brown, Carolyn Ing, Elizabeth DeMille Barnett (Housing Coordinator).

Community input: Alan Carpenito, of South Street, discussed the recent community meeting organized by John Gorecki, Board of Selectmen.

Old business

NOAH Benfield Farms update: Barnett discussed the December 5 strategic planning Benfield Farms Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) One-Stop application meeting with NOAH to work on getting the project financed in the next funding round. One observation from the last One-Stop funding round is that DHCD has made family housing development its top priority, particularly in communities which have not made progress in this area.

Highland Building Update: No change in the Highland Building Committee's opposition to the housing option. Next meeting for the committee is scheduled for Monday, December 12.

Department of Developmental Services housing on Conant land: Board discussed the recent meeting organized by John Gorecki.

South Middlesex Opportunity Council Home Modification Loan Program: Two state-funded (Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission) loans have recently been granted in town. The program funds home modifications for the disabled/frail seniors, with no-interest or low-interest loans. Loan amounts are up to \$30,000; no credit check is required, and loan payoff is required upon sale of house and/or refinancing.

Banta Davis Master Plan Task Force committee: First meeting is scheduled in January. Brown discussed talking points for the meeting.

New business

2011 New England Housing Network conference: Barnett attended on December 2. The conference covered changes in federal programs as potential funding sources. Carlisle qualifies for USDA funds because of its rural status. Barnett spoke informally to several attendees and discussed possible support for Benfield.

MAGIC legislation breakfast: Barnett will be attending the December 9 meeting.

Minutes approved: On a motion made by Lehotsky and seconded by Brown, the board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of the October 25 meeting.

Next meeting: January 12, 2012

Meeting adjourned: On a motion made by Brown and seconded by Bohn, it was voted 4-0 to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Action items

- Barnett to request a letter of support for Benfield
- Barnett to draft CPA proposals.